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1. Metal Zavod. This factory is situated two kilometers northwest of Platina, and about one kilometer to the north of the Syr-Darya River.
2. The factory is not enclosed by a fence. It is surrounded by watchmen who stand at a distance of about 50 meters from each other. Only those on official business are allowed to enter.
3. Several workmen's dwellings surround it. The factory is composed of several large and small brick buildings. Seven chimneys, approximately 20-30 meters high, also made of brick, can be seen from a considerable distance. About 3,000 persons are employed in the factory.
4. The construction of Metal Zavod was completed in 1942. It was built by the workers of the kolkhoz in that area.
5. Iron bars for reinforcement concrete and railings are produced here. They are made entirely of scrap iron. The greater part of the factory's output is used for the works under construction in the village of Begovat. Scrap iron is always transported by rail.
6. Electric current is supplied by the factory's own plant.
7. Tsem Zavod. This factory is situated near the Chilkov Railroad Station of the village of Begovat. It is reportedly nearly 70 years old.
8. The factory is composed of 3-5 brick buildings, the largest of which is about 500 meters long. It has its own electric plant, and furnishes electric current to the village of Begovat as well.
9. The factory produces cement, cement tubes (concrete pipes?), and sheetings of various sizes. The whole of its output is consumed in the works under construction in the village of Begovat.
10. Troupousni (Trubny ?) Asbestny Zavod. This factory adjoins the preceding one and is a section of it. It produces iron pipes and tubes. From 3,000 to 3,500 persons are employed here.

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